#### ARMY BENEFITS CENTER - CIVILIAN (ABC-C)

At Fort Riley, Kansas

## ABC-C News

Volume 8, Issue 7

December 2010

To reach the ABC-C: https://www.abc.army.mil or 1-877-276-9287 (TDD: 1-877-276-9833) 303 Marshall Avenue, Fort Riley, KS 66442-5004

Peggy Sholtz, Director, Army Benefits Center-Civilian

#### **MIDNIGHT MADNESS!**

Counselors at the Army Benefits Center – Civilian (ABC-C) will be available until midnight (12:00 am Central Time) only on Monday, December 13, 2010, for the last day of open season.

To make your FEHB election, please visit the ABC-C website at <a href="https://www.abc.army.mil">https://www.abc.army.mil</a>, and click on *Employee Benefits Information System (EBIS)*. If you are accessing EBIS from a government computer, click on "CAC Employee Login" and enter your CAC Personnel Identification Number (PIN). If you are accessing EBIS from home, you will need to enter your Army Knowledge Online (AKO) user name and password. At the EBIS homepage, you will enter your Social Security Number (SSN) and six-digit ABC-C PIN. Once you have logged into EBIS, click on the "Transactions" button and select "Open Season."

If you prefer to make your FEHB election through the automated ABC-C telephone system, please call toll-free 1-877-276-9287, or TDD (for the hearing impaired) at 1-877-276-9833. For contact information on FSA and FEDVIP, see the article below.

#### Don't Forget FSA and FEDVIP

It is also Open Season for the Flexible Spending Accounts (FSA) and the Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP). To make an election you will need to contact FSAFEDS (FSA) and BENEFEDS (FEDVIP):

- FSA Visit <u>www.FSAFEDS.com</u> or call 1-877-FSAFEDS (1-877-372-3337) or TTY 1-800-952-0450
- FEDVIP Visit BENEFEDS at <a href="https://www.BENEFEDS.com">www.BENEFEDS.com</a> or by telephone at 1-877-888-FEDS (1-877-888-3337) or TTY 1-877-889-5680

Both FSAFEDS and BENEFEDS will be accepting calls on Monday, December 13, 2010 until midnight (Eastern Time).

#### When Will My Benefits Change Be Effective?

<b>BENEFIT</b>	<b>EFFECTIVE DATE</b>	LES DATE
FEHB	January 2, 2011	January 27, 2011
FEDVIP	January 1, 2011	January 13, 2011
FSAFEDS	January 1, 2011	January 13, 2011

NOTE: LES dates shown are for Department of Army and Army National Guard employees; dates for DCMA and Air National Guard will be January 21, 2011 for FEHB and January 7, 2011 for FEDVIP and FSAFEDS.

#### How Do I Contact the ABC-C?

To speak to one of our knowledgeable benefits counselors, please call toll-free 1-877-276-9287 or TDD at 1-877-276-9833. OCONUS telephone numbers are listed below. Normal operating hours are 6:00 am to 6:00 pm CT, Monday through Friday.

#### **OCONUS Telephone Numbers**

 Belgium
 0800-78245

 Germany
 0800-1010282

 Italy
 800-780821

 Japan
 00531-1-20378

 Korea
 00798-14-800-4766

 Kuwait
 1-877-276-9287

(Dial 809-463-3376 for DSN line, wait for tone, and then

dial the toll free number)

 Netherlands
 0800-0232739

 Saudi Arabia
 1-877-276-9287

 United Kingdom
 08-000857723

Please view the chart for assistance contacting a benefits counselor on our automated telephone system.

# Select: 1 = Army Civilian 2 = DCMA 3 = National Guard 4 = Non Appropriated Fund or Uniformed Service Member

#### Select: 1 = Customer

1 = Customer Service Survey 2 = Access Benefits and Entitlements

#### Select:

separated civilian employee 2 = Retiree or Surviving

1 = Current or

Spouse
3 = Seeking
Temporary
Continuation of
Coverage
(FEHB TCC)

### To access Benefits and Entitlements:

#### Select:

1 = Enter your SSN and PIN
2 = Forgot your PIN

NOTE: If you are a new employee, your PIN is 4 digits and consists of your month and year of birth (MMYY).

You will need to enter/verify your duty telephone number

- 0 = Counselor
- 1 = Health Benefits (FEHB)
- 2 = Retirement
- 3 = Thrift Savings Plan
- 4 = Life Insurance (FEGLI)
- 6 = Request faxed document
- 9 = Exit System

Send comments or suggestions to:

mailto:rile.NewsletterINQ@conus.army.mil